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Messages from the Editor

Hi! Hello and how are you? First of all thanks for buying our comic, where we have committed to paper some of the best work we've ever done.

Getting here was no walk in the park let me tell you. In making this comic, we've been to heaven and hell, and back. We've had our ups and downs, and we've been bogged down by several delays. Mainly because we wanted to deliver to you our best, and although I have to admit that I am still not 100% satisfied, I am quite happy and proud with what we've done.

So why Culture Crash? Well think about it! Isn't that what best describes the Filipino culture? A crash of cultures? In short, this comic is a direct result of the crash of cultures that we have been exposed to. We've based our work standard on those already established by publishers in the U.S., Europe and Japan, but still produce them in a very Filipino way. We try to retain that Filipino character at the very heart. Sure the artwork is mainly Japanese-style, but read the stories, I think that you will at some point find that they each have that very unique and distinct Filipino flavor.

Right now, we are still very much in an embryonic stage. And although I've stated that this contains some of the best work we've ever done, expect us to get better. Because that's what we've committed ourselves to. To this end, we welcome any comments, suggestions, and even contributions that you may wish to input. Oh yeah, maybe by next issue we'll have that "gimik" calendar we've been meaning to do. Oh and what do you people think about a (gasp!) fashion section?!?

Anyway, for the meantime just sit back, fasten your seatbelts and hold on for dear life, because CC Com has arrived and we intend to give you one heck of a ride!

All the best,

Jescie James L. Palabay
Editor

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This issue is dedicated to:

(James:) To my parents, Jesus and Carmelita Palabay. My fellow siblings, Jemellie, Jessemel, Jescie. To Syahong Ariel, Syahong Caloy and Insong Jen. Also to Jarelle, Jica, Carlo, Jaec, Jheo and Jhero. To all the members of our extended family and all my friends out there. Finally to all you readers out there!

(Taga-Ilog:) Sa aking pinakamamahal na mga magulang at mga kapatid, sa aking mga kaibigan,sa mga naniwala at sa hindi, kay Joanah,ang aking inspirasyon (itanong n'yo na lang sa kanya kung sino talaga ako, malamang mas kilala niya ako kaysa sa aking sarili),at sa inyong mga mambabasa.... Salamat sa Pagtitiwala.

(Jio:) To my beloved Mommy Chie and Daddy Mey for making sure I land in a well paying job, to my cats Eveready & Bisayamese for accompanying me everytime I go into Midnight mode, to Joed, Mia, and Kuya Jake, to Masamune Shirow who refused to help me in my time of need, and to my Ledluna for loving me as I am.

(Elmer:) To my parents, friends, and everyone else who "coerced"me to go professional. To all those who visited my website and gave nice comments. (it's at http://www.geocities.com/ichiro_yoko)--(yeheey!!! plugging!) To Miaka.

We all thank God Almighty for everything.

Taga-ilog

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BWEET!! BWEET!! BWEET!! BWE
ALARM NA NAMAN!?!
A CULTURE CRASH COMICS PRESENTATION
JOANNE, BILISAN MO! MAHUHULI NA NAMAN TAYO!!
CREATED BY JERARD FELIX BELTRAN
BA'T BA LAGING NAG-AALARMA TUWING NALILIGO AKO?!!!
Solstice Butterfly

TAON 2115...

Ang daigdig ay nahahati na sa limang malalaking bansa dahil sa naganap na paganib-anib ng bawat nasyon sa kani-kanilang mga rehiyon: ang *Regent Orient (RO)* na binubuo ng East at South-East Asia; ang *United Aafro-Arabia (UAA)* na ang mga territoryong kasapi ay ang buong Africa, Fertile Crescent at Arabian Peninsula; ang *European Union (EU)* na sakop ang buong Europa, Northern Asia at Australia; ang *Antarcticas* na sinasakop naman ang karamihan ng Southern Hemisphere ng mundo; at ang *Unis Amerikas (UA)* na binubuo ng Arctic, North America at South America.

Sa kauna-unahang pagkakataon sa kasaysayan ng tao, nagkaroon ng walang kapantay na katahimikan at kapanatagan ang buong mundo. Ang ideya ng *"One world, one people"* ay naging laganap sa isipanng sangkatauhan. Binuo ang *Gaia-Unis*, isang organisasyong kinabibilangan ng limang bansa, upang maging unang hakbang para maisakatuparan ang pangarap na ito. Bilang simbulo ng kanilang pagkakaisa, pinangunahan ng Gaia-Unis ang isang matagumpay na proyektong pangkalawakan – ang colonisasyon ng buwan at sa pagtagal-tagal ang colonisasyon ng Mars.

Sa kasamaang palad, ang ideya ng pagkakaroon ng isang pinuno sa mundo at ang kapangyarihang panghahawakan niya ay naging sanhi ng maiinit na debate. Ang walang katapusang pagtatalo at alitan sa pagitan ng mga pulitiko at delegado ukol sa kanya-kanyang ideolohiya ay hindi rin nakatulong sa pagpapatupad ng tuluyang pagkakaisa. Dahil dito, napabayaan din ang mga colonyang nasa Mars, ang *Costina* at *Stina*. Nagkaisa sila nuong 2122 at kanilang isinigaw ang kanilang kalayaan. Tinanggap na lamang ito ng Gaia-Unis at agad binuo ang *Inner-Ring Federation*. Ngunit madaling pumait ang kanilang relasyon sapagka't nilusob ng Mars ang buwan noong sumunod na taon.

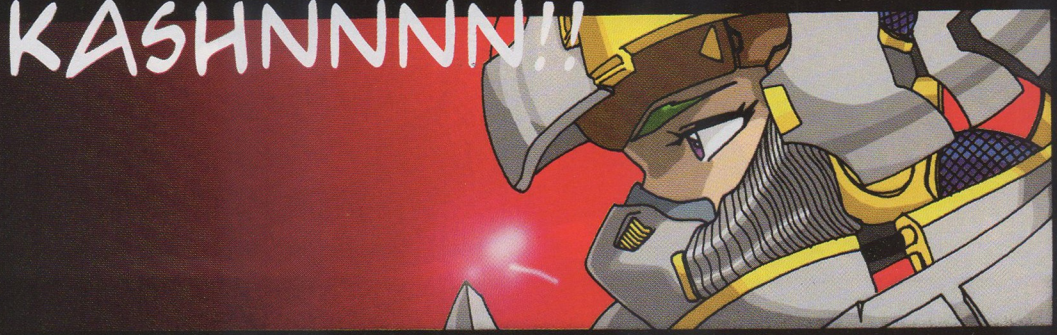
Nilusob ng sandatahang-daigdig ang Mars at agad nila itong natalo. Ngunit ayon sa mga report ng militar, nabaliw ang pinuno ng Mars na sa halip na sumuko, pinasabog na lamang niya ang kanyang sarili at ang dalawang colonies. Tinagurian itong *"The Mars Tragedy"* ng mga kasalukuyang manunulat ng kasaysayan.

BWEET!! BWEET!! BWEET!! BWEET

Nuong 2127, bumagsak ang EU dahil sinabotahe ang mga makina ng kanilang *Floating Cities* na nakilala na bilang *"The Grandest Sights on Earth"*. Sumunod dito ang misteryosong pagsabog ng ilang *Electro-Magnetic Pulse (EMP) bombs* na tuluyang sumira sa lahat ng electronics ng EU. Dahil sa literal na pagbagsak ng kanilang gobyerno, kawalan ng komunikasyon at teknolohiya, pagkawasak ng likas-yaman, at mga sunod-sunod na pag-aalsa sa ranggo ng kanilang militar, ang EU ay nagkaroon ng *"Second Dark Ages"*.

Makalipas lamang ang ilang buwan, hindi inaasahang napaslang naman ang pinuno ng UAA at nuong 2128 ay napagpasyahan nilang isara ang kanilang bansa. Sa kasalukuyan, nababalot ang buong bansa sa isang imbensyong pang-depensa at walang nakaka-alam kung ano ang nangyayari sa loob nito maliban sa tuluyan pa ring naglalabanan ang 12 tribuong bumubuo dito.

Samantala, nagkaroon ng pagsabog ng isang EMP bomb sa California ng bansang UA. Napag-alaman nilang kagagawan ito ng Antarcticas kung kaya't agad nilang napagpasyahang gamitin ang isa sa pinakamalakas nilang sandata: ang mga *satellite laser cannons.*

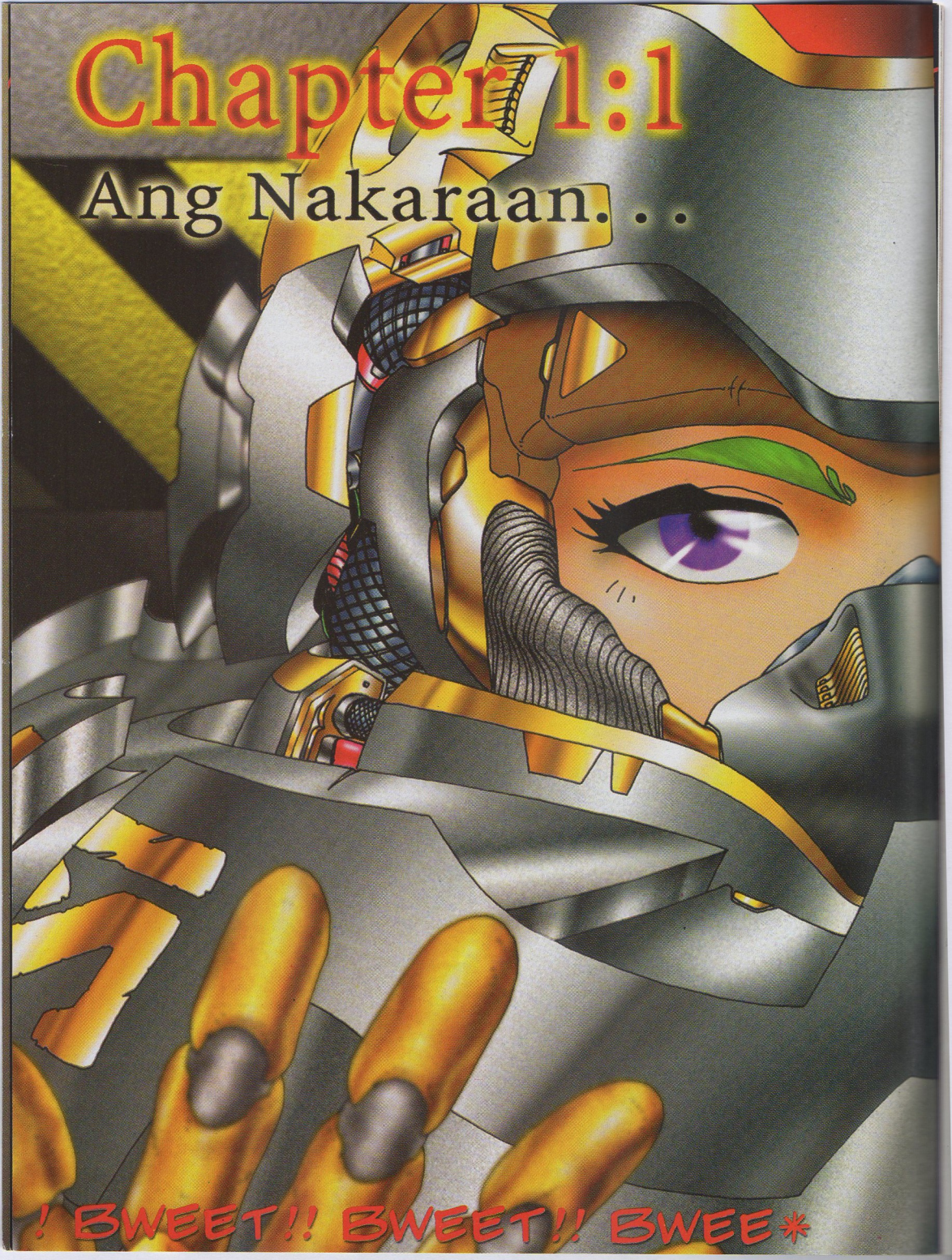


Dahil sa biglaang kaguluhang naganap sa mundo, inihanda ng RO ang mga *Solace*, pitong makinang dambuhala, upang ipagtanggol ang kanilang sarili. Nagkaroon din ng emergency meeting sa pagitan ng UA at RO ngunit parehong napaslang ang kanilang representatibo at pilit nagturuan ang dalawang bansa kung sino ang may pakana ng pangyayaring ito.

Sumunod dito ang muling pagsabog ng isang EMP bomb sa bandang Canada, kung kaya't napag-desisyunan ng kanilang presidente na gawin nang responsibilidad ng UA ang pagbabalik ng kaayusan sa mundo. Muli niyang binuhay ang ideyang *"One world, one people"* sa isang makasaysayang talumpati.

Sumalakay ang UA sa RO makalipas ang ilang buwan pagkasakop nila sa Russia sa tulong ng *Armored Tech (AT) units*, isang batalyon ng robots na kinokontrol ng mga sundalong Amerikano. Nasira ang tatlo sa pitong Solace dahil sa hidwaang ito.

Sinakop rin ng UA ang Korean peninsula sa loob ng isang linggo. Sa kasalukuyan ay tuloy pa rin ang kanilang pagsalakay...

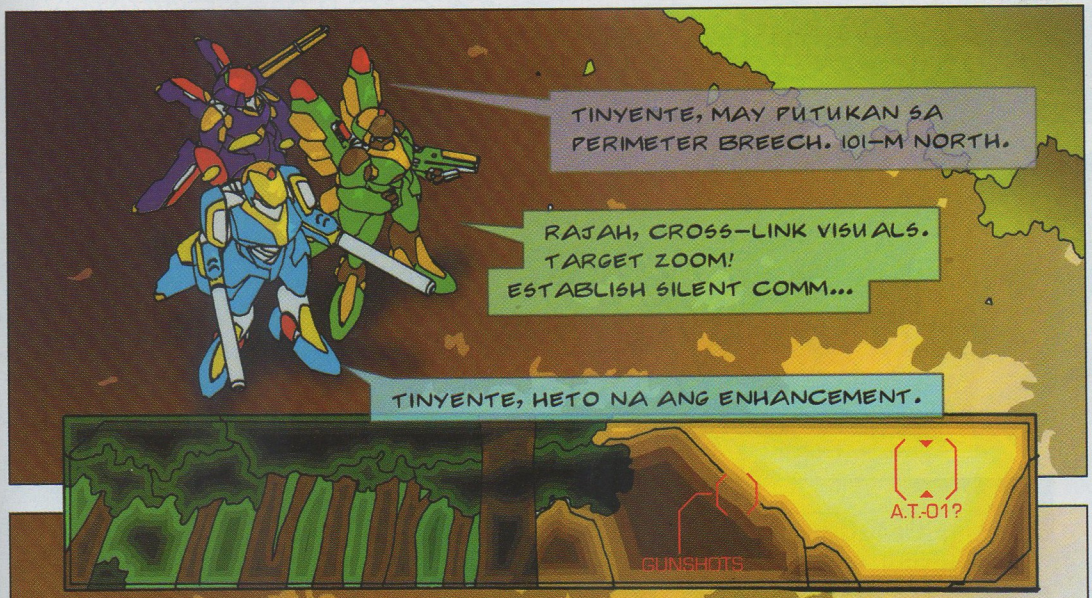

Chapter 1:1
Ang Nakaraan. . .
! BWEET!! BWEET!! BWEE*

TAON 2131 A.D., 4:00 NG HAPON.
WEST AVENUE, QUEZON CITY, PILIPINAS
DAHIL SA PAGLUSOB NG UNIS AMERIKAS SA ATING JAPAN CAPITAL, NAPILITAN ANG ATING MAHAL NA ULONG MINISTRO NA MULING ITATAG ANG MANDIRIGMA--
MANDIRIGMA?!
SINISIMULAN NA ANG PAGTAWAG SA MGA ESTUDYANTENG NASA KOLEHIYO, MAGING LALAKE MAN O BABAE,--
ABA...
UPANG MAGING KARAGDAGANG LAKAS NG ATING DEFENSE-FORCE LABAN SA PAGLUSOB NG KAAWAY--
KASAMA AKO DUN AH...
kshh*
--AT MAISAMA SA KAGAWARANG MILITAR.

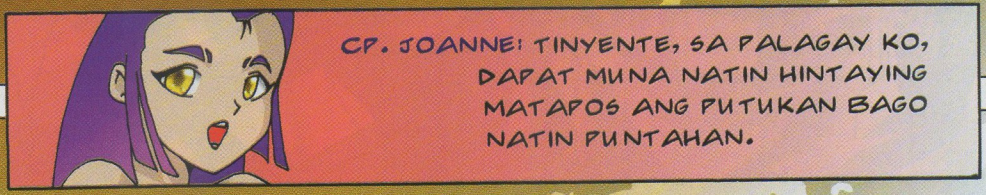
ANO PO?!
'MA NAMAN!
NARINIG MO ANG SINABI KO...
ISASAMA KITA SA MANDIRIGMA!! KULANG KA KASI SA DISIPLINA! AT TINGNAN MO ANG KWARTO MO, UBOD NG KALAT, KELAN MO BA HULING NILINIS 'YAN! AKO LANG NAMAN NAGLILINIS NG KWARTO MO E!
pero po...
HALA'T MAG-IMPAKE KA NA! IPADADALA KA NA NAMIN NG IYONG AMA BUKAS!!
mngekkk!!

DAD?!
RAYA...
NARINIG MO ANG MOMMY MO...
... NAIINTINDIHAN MO BA?
... opo ...
PAPA! AKALA KO TUMIGIL KA NA SA KAKATABAKO MO!!
MAMA NAMAN, PA-EFFECT LANG ITO...
(TUMALAB 'DI BA?)
(IKAW NGA, PADYARYO-DYARYO PA!)
ANO!?!!

HAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA!!!
BATAAN, 2135.
KAYA HETO AKO NGAYON!
KAKAIBA 'DI BA?
TINYENTE, WEIRDO TALAGA ANG PAMILYA MO!! HAHAHAHA!!
GANYAN TALAGA...
BEEP*
TINYENTE, SANDALI–
--MAY PERIMETER REPORT!
TWO BOGEYS HAVE INFILTRATED THE BARRIER. ONE HUMAN AND ONE UNCLASSIFIED A.T.–OI UNIT.
TERA!!
JOANNE, FULL–AUDIO SCAN!

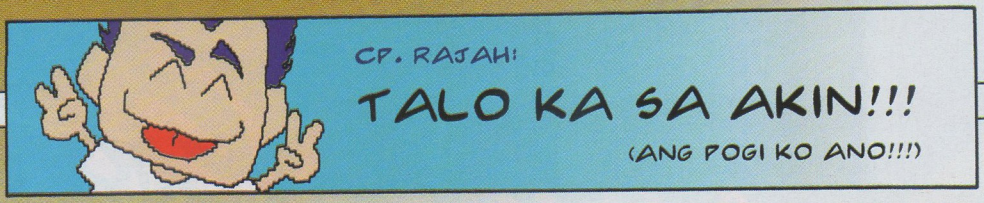


LT. RAYA: SA AUDIO FEEDBACK NG MGA PUTOK, MASMATAAS NA KALIBRE ANG BARIL. HINDI ITO GALING SA A.T.–01. HINDI RIN STANDARD ISSUE SA ATIN ANG KALIBRE––



LT. RAYA: HUWAG, PUNTAHAN NA NATIN.

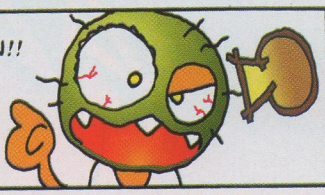
CP. RAJAH: JOANNE, ANG PANGET NAMAN NG VISUALS MO!!



LT. RAYA: RAJAH, 'WAG MO NANG SIMULAN!!

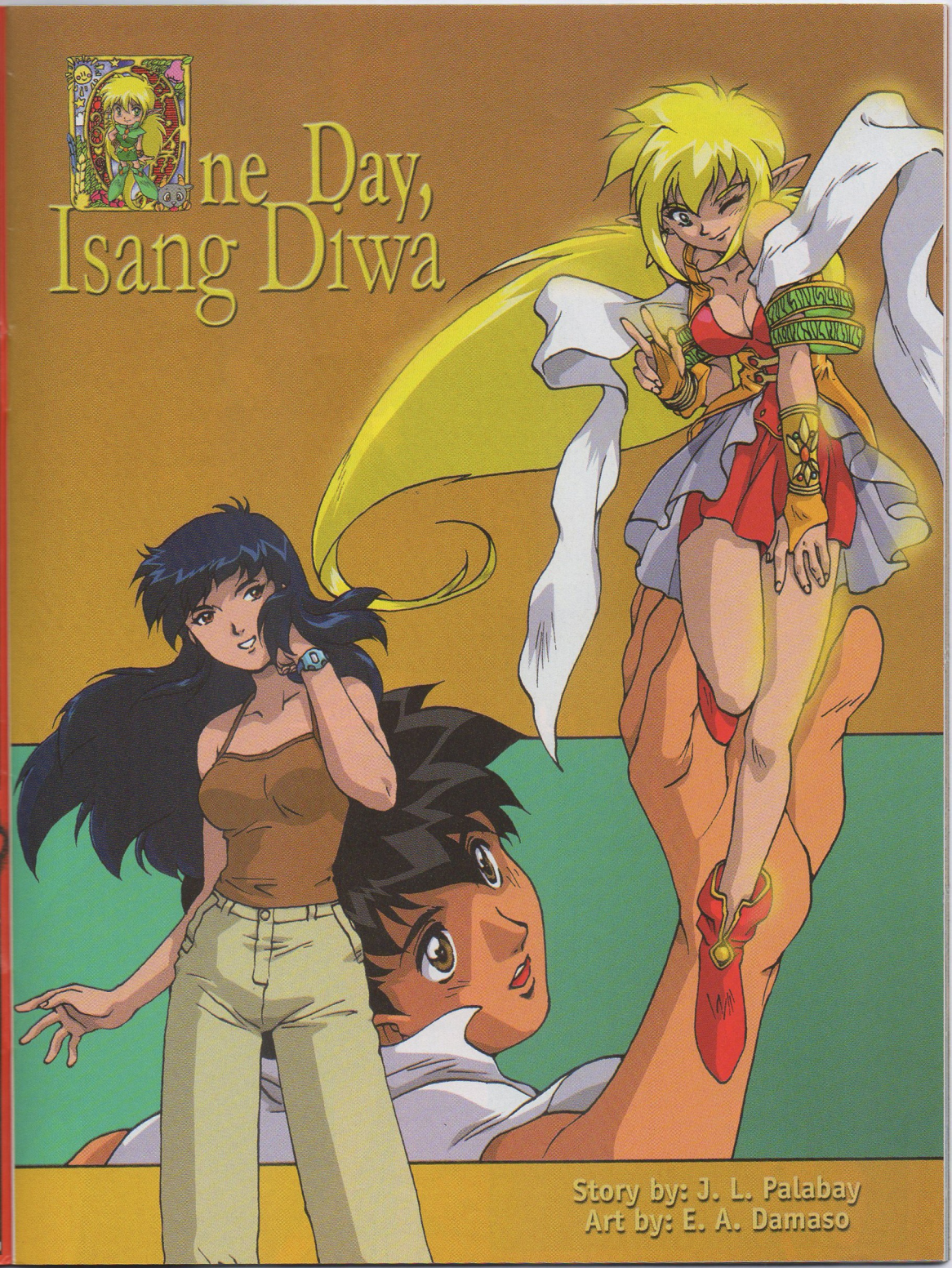
CP. RAJAH: TINYENTE, ANG PANGIT N'YO!

CP. JOANNE: HAHAHAHAHAHAHA!!!



LT. RAYA: TAMA NA, MALAPIT NA TAYO––

BKOOM! BKOOM! BKOOM!
LUMAYO KA SA AKIN!!!
[HOMEBASE, CHILD LOCATED]
BINIBINI, 'WAG KA NANG PUMALAG.
WALA KA NANG MAGAGAWA.
HUWAAAAAG!!!
ITUTULOY...


One Day,
Isang Diwa
Story by: J. L. Palabay
Art by: E. A. Damaso

K-CHK!
SIGE PO 'NAY, AALIS NA PO AKO
SSSSHHHHHH...

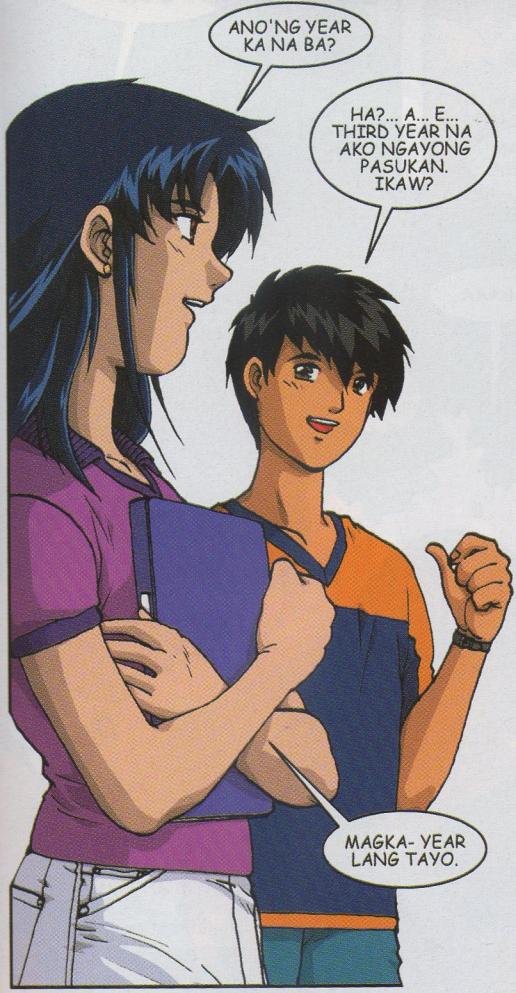
MACOPA HIGH SCHOOL
BAHHH...
BAHHH...
BAHHH...
BA'T... TILA WALANG TAO?
HMMM...
AYUN...
...ME TAO!

UHMM... EXCUSE ME, PUWEDE BANG MAGTANONG?
HMM? ANO 'YON?
uhm...
ano...
kasi...
SIGE LANG, HUWAG KA NANG MAHIYA.
EHEM! UH, KASI BAGONG TRANSFER LANG AKO DITO AT KUNG PUWEDE SANANG MATANONG KUNG SAAN ANG UNANG PUPUNTAHAN, PARA MAKAPAG-REG...
A, GANUN BA? SABI KASI DITO SA NAKA-POST AY INI-RESCHEDULE NA NILA ANG REG FOR NEXT WEEK.

A, GANUN BA?
OO, PERO PUWEDE NA DAW NATING MALAMAN ANG SECTION NATIN, TARA, SUMABAY KA NA SA 'KIN KUNG GUSTO MO.

O SIGE, MARAMING SALAMAT.

WALANG ANUMAN.

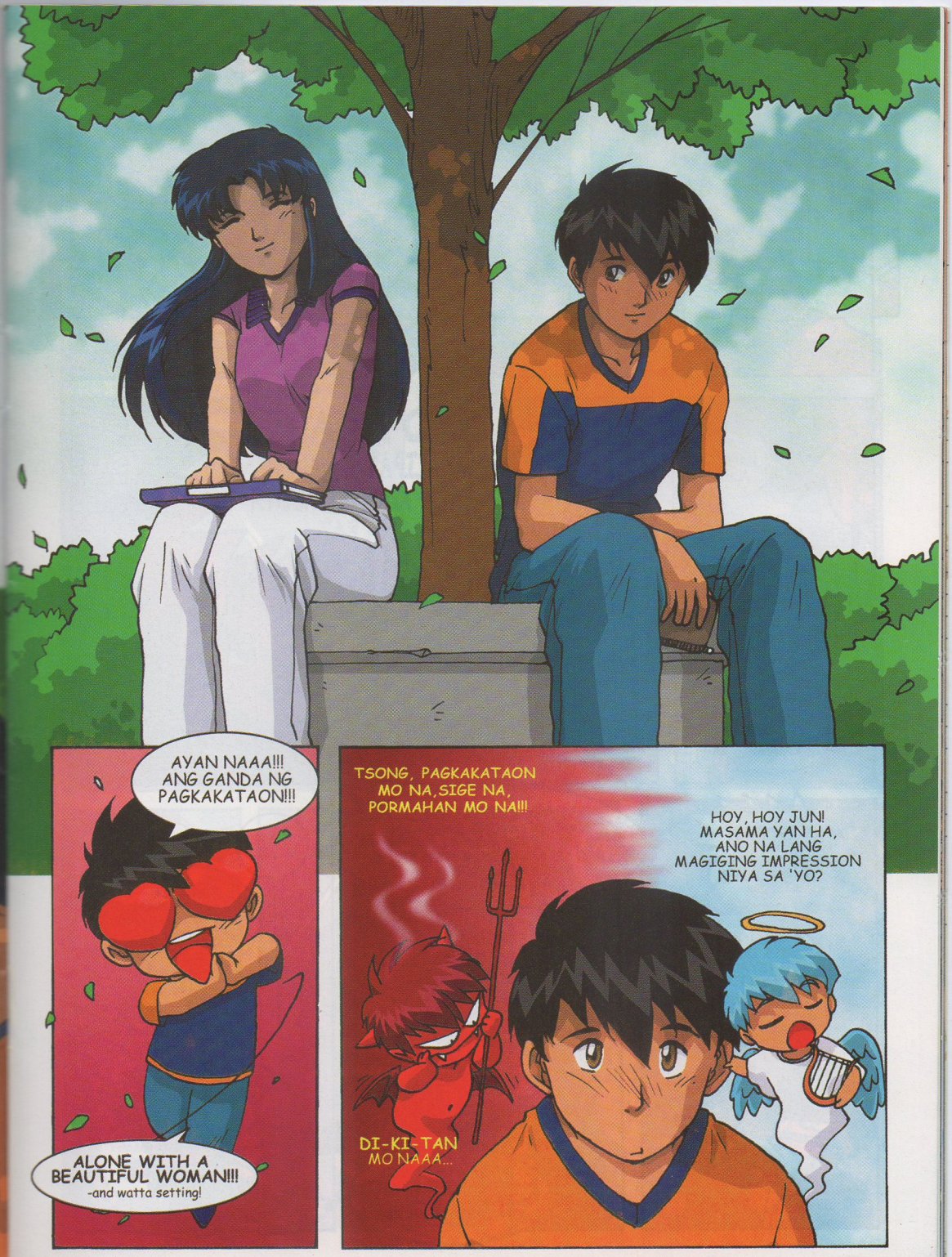

ANO'NG YEAR KA NA BA?
HA?... A... E... THIRD YEAR NA AKO NGAYONG PASUKAN. IKAW?
MAGKA- YEAR LANG TAYO.

UHMM... MATAGAL KA NA BA RITO?
OO... MEDYO MATAGAL NA RIN.
E 'DI MARAMI KA NANG KAKILALA DITO?
MEDYO ...

HUWAG KANG MAG-ALALA, IPAPAKILALA NA LANG KITA SA MGA KAIBIGAN KO 'PAG NAGKITA ULI TAYO.
SALAMAT ULIT.

JUN MORALES, THIRD YEAR PO!
CLARISSA PEREZ, THIRD YEAR PO.

"SECTION SIERRA".
MAGIGING MAGKAKLASE PALA TAYO E!
AKO NGA PALA SI JUN.
AKO NAMAN SI CLARISSA.
MAHIRAP DING LUMIPAT NG PAARALAN 'NO?
OO NGA EH, MARAMI NGA AKONG NAIWANG KAKILALA D'ON.
WAG KANG MAG-ALALA, TALAGANG GANYAN NAMAN ANG BUHAY, MARAMING PAGBABAGO.
MAY PAGKA-NANAY KA PALANG MAGSALITA ANO?
ABAAA...
BIRO LANG.


AYAN NAAA!!! ANG GANDA NG PAGKAKATAON!!!
ALONE WITH A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN!!!
-and watta setting!
TSONG, PAGKAKATAON MO NA, SIGE NA, PORMAHAN MO NA!!!
HOY, HOY JUN! MASAMA YAN HA, ANO NA LANG MAGIGING IMPRESSION NIYA SA 'YO?
DI-KI-TAN MO NAAA...

UHMM... CLARISSA ...
CLARISSA!!!
LAURA! ALEX!
KUMUSTA KA NA?
HOY PARE! NAKALIPAT KA NA RIN PALA ANO? KUMUSTA NA BA?
KA-PLAG!
ANO KA BA?!
PAPATAYIN MO BA AKO SA ATAKE SA PUSO?!!!
COOL KA LANG PARDS. IKAW NAMAN, MASYADO KANG NERBIYOSO.
O PAANO, PARE, WALA NAMAN TAYONG GAGAWIN DITO EH. ILIBRE MO NA LANG MUNA AKO NG PAGKAIN, MERON KA PA NAMANG SOBRA SA PANG-REG MO E...
AT SAMAHAN MO NA RIN AKONG BUMILI NG GAMIT, AT SABAY NA RIN TAYONG UMUWI.
HA?! A... E...
TARA NA, PARA NAMAN TAYONG WALANG PINAGSAMAHAN O!
cute din ng mga chicks 'no? 'di bale makikilala din natin mga 'yon!

ALAM MO KASI PARE, ANG PERA PARANG SEX 'YAN E, DAPAT INE-ENJOY!
MAKALIPAS ANG 3 BURGERS, 5 SOFTDRINKS, 4 NA FRIES, AT SINE (NA "LIBRE" LAHAT NI JUN)...
SARI - SARI STORE
ALING NENA, PAGBILAN PO NG DALAWANG LOLLIPOP.
UHMM... EXCUSE ME, PUWEDE BANG MAGTANONG?
HMM? ANO 'YON?
CLARISSA?! ANO'NG GINAGAWA MO RITO?
BAGONG LIPAT LANG KAMI DITO SA LUGAR NA 'TO. DOON LANG ANG BAHAY NAMIN.
TALAGA? E, SA BANDANG DOON DIN KAMI NAKATIRA A!

ITUTULOY
(pa ba namin 'to?)

PASIG

UNANG KABANATA: ANG PAGTATAGPO

Story & Art by:
Taga-Ilog
Co-Plotter and Color
Assists: J.L. Palabay

*MANUNUBOS- "BOUNTY HUNTER"

NGUNIT GAANO KA MAN MAGING KADALUBHASA SA MGA LABANAN, WALA PA RING MAKAPAGHAHANDA SA IYO SA MGA PANGYAYARING TADHANA LAMANG ANG SADYANG NAKAPAGTATAKDA.
Trap Trap Trap
SMAG
AAAAAAA!!
ANG BARIL KO!!! IBALIK MO 'YAN!!!
K9
₱800 KILO
MARAMING SALAMAT!!! Heh! Heh! Heh!

HAHAHAHAHAHA
Coke
24HR
O2
FRESH O'XYGEN
ANAK NG BAKA!! BUMALIK KA DITO!!!
ANO AKO, ULUL?! HULIHIN MO 'KO KUNG KAYA MO!!!
PBBTH
'PAG NAHULI KITA... TITIRISIN KITANG PARANG
KUTO!
PARE, SAAN ANG PUNTA MO?
AY P*#@!!!

*ESKLABO- ALIPIN

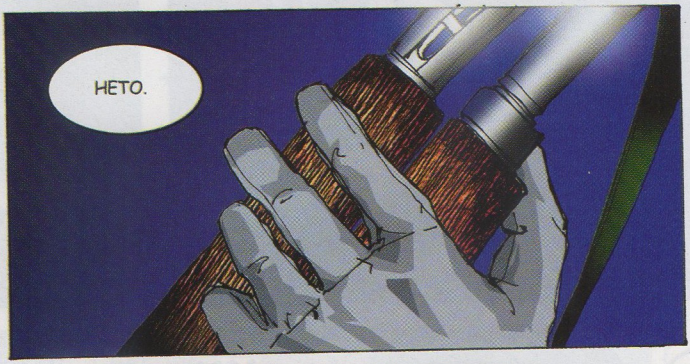
HMPF.
HANGGANG WALA KANG PATUNAY NA SA'YO 'TONG BARIL, AKO MUNA ANG MAGTATAGO, PAALAM!
TUP
SANDALI!!! AKIN 'YAN-KAYA KONG PATUNAYAN. SANDALI!!!
MALAYO NA SIYA, ALE. HINDI KA NA NIYA NARIRINIG... MALAS MO LANG AT SI DANTE ANG NAKAKUHA NG BARIL MO.
KASALANAN MONG LAHAT ITO!!!
SPAK!!!

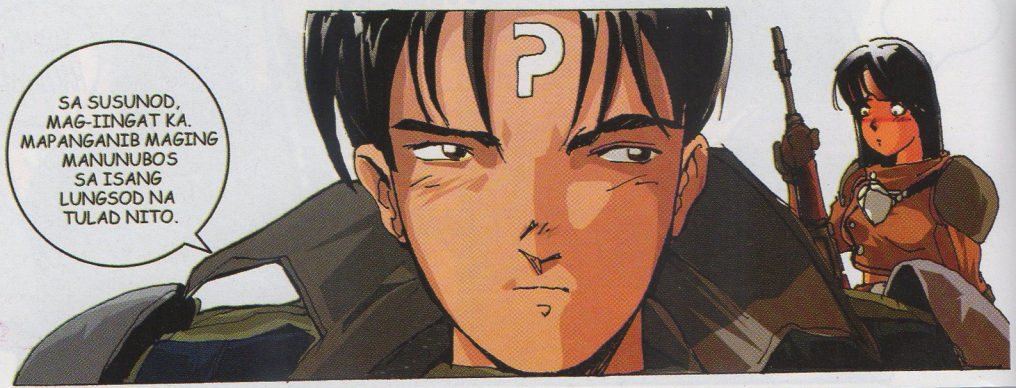
O2
FRESH OXYGEN
BLAG
'BAT BA AYAW MONG MANIWALA SA AKIN?
MINA CRUZ- "MANUNUBOS?" SIGURADO 'KANG TOTOO 'TO?
OO.
KAYANG-KAYANG MADUGAS 'TO SA RECTO.
...SAKA KUNG MANUNUBOS KA, HINDI KA SANA NANAKAWAN NG ISANG TAONG TULAD NIYA.
ANG YABANG!
ANAK NG... ANO BA TALAGA ANG GUSTO MONG PALABASIN HA?!

TEKA. MUKHANG ALAM KO NA...
TUSH TUSH
ETO! P 50,000! AKIN NA 'YANG BARIL KO!
CACHUK
...
UH-HMM... AHA- HA HA! HA! HA!
OXYGEN DISPENSER

HAHAHA
HAHAHA
NANG-AASAR KA BANG TALAGA?

?
HA! HA! HA! NAPAKABABAW NAMAN NG TINGIN MO SA AMING MGA ESKLABO. KUNG INAAKALA MONG MAIDADAAN MO SA PERA ANG LAHAT NG BAGAY DITO SA PASIG, MAS MABUTI PANG BUMALIK KA NA SA PINANGGALINGAN MO.


HETO.


SA SUSUNOD, MAG-IINGAT KA. MAPANGANIB MAGING MANUNUBOS SA ISANG LUNGSOD NA TULAD NITO.
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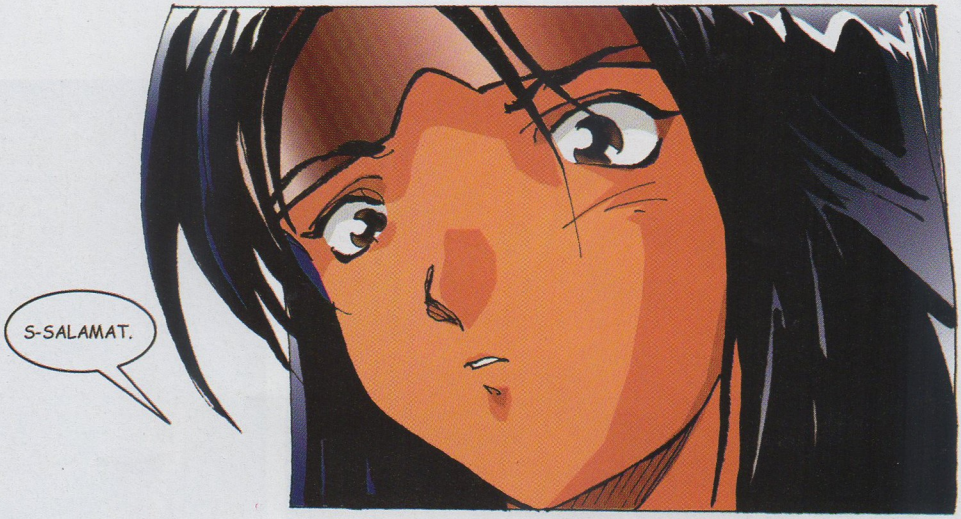
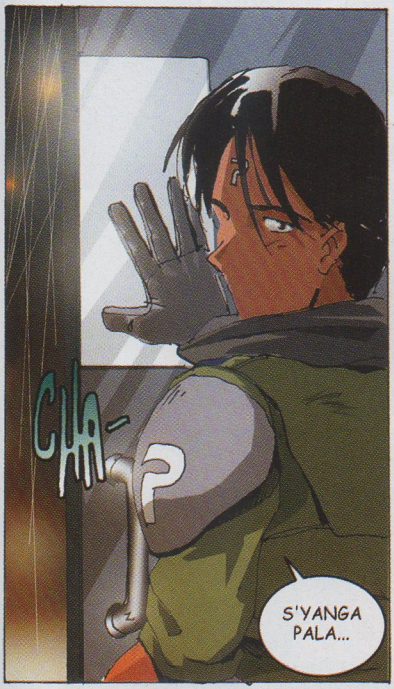
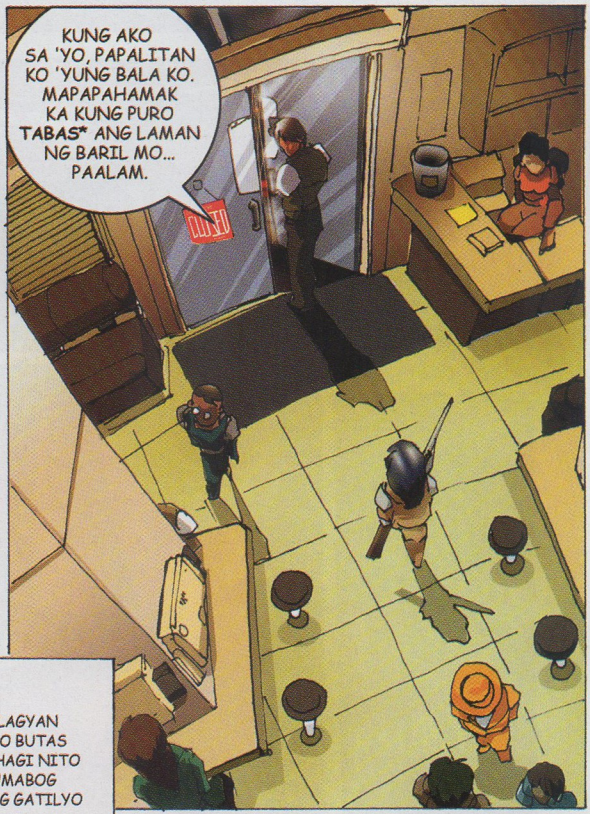
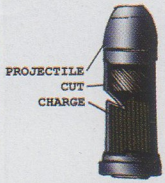








***BALANG TABAS**

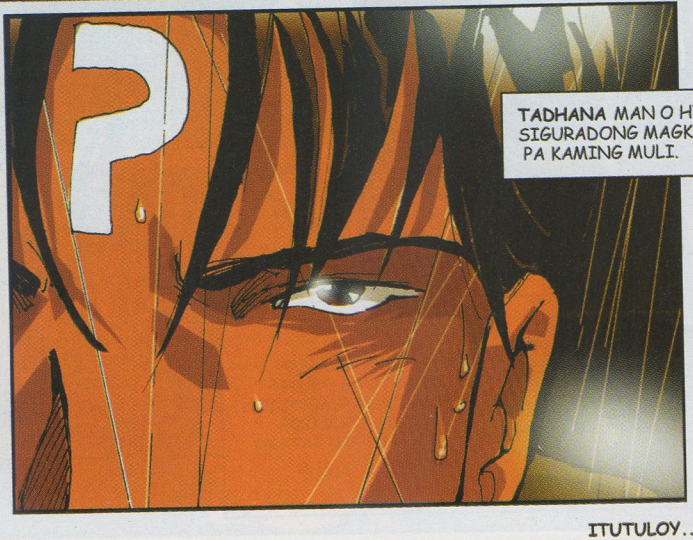
BALANG SADYANG NILAGYAN NG MALIIT NA HIWA O BUTAS SA KAHIT ANONG BAHAGI NITO PARA PUMALTOS O SUMABOG KAPAG KINALABIT ANG GATILYO NG BARIL.

HUH?! ANO 'TO?
KA-CHIK

TAMA SIYA. KUNG NAGAMIT KO 'TO HABANG NAKIKIPAGLABAN, MAARING SUMABOG ANG BARIL KO. PERO... SINO NAMAN KAYA ANG GUSTONG SUMABOTAHE SA 'KIN?

ANG LALAKING IYON... KASAPI SIYA SA MGA ESKLABONG DALUB-HASA SA LABANAN.
sSHAAA

KLIP
PLOK
PLIK


TADHANA MAN O HINDI, SIGURADONG MAGKIKITA PA KAMING MULI.

ITUTULOY...

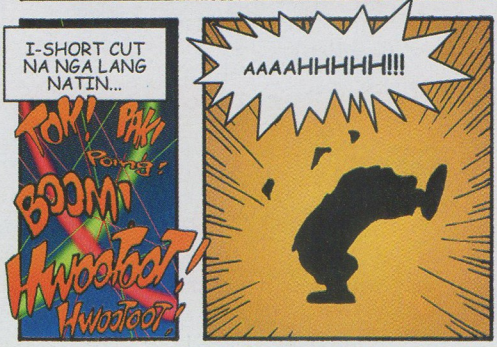
Cat's Trail

STORY AND ART BY
E. A. DAMASO

EPISODE I:

Once upon a time, sa malayong,malayong (malayong) planeta ng Memer, isang labanan ang nagaganap sa pagitan nina Airee Collette (a.k.a. Ogi Bendogi) - isang notorious na magnanakaw at mandurukot na wanted sa dalawang kontinente, at si Sheriff Poppy (a.k.a. Darth Vord) - ang (minamalas na) naatasang dumakip sa naturang kriminal. Matagal na ang ang kanilang naging alitan hanggang sa dumating na ang hinihintay nilang pagtatagpo - ang oras ng huling pagtutuos...

(Siguro mas maganda kung moving text talaga 'to no? Kailan ba tayo papasok sa multimedia?)



NGUNIT HINDI 'YAN ANG TUNAY NA KUWENTO. HETO TALAGA ANG MGA NANGYARI... (BASAHIN ANG SUSUNOD NA PAHINA)

O HAYAN! TULAD NG NAIPANGAKO KO SA 'YO - ANG SIKAT NA GOLDEN RACCOON!
HMMM...
HA! WALA KA NANG IBANG MAPAGBIBILHAN NIYAN!

NAG-IISA NA LANG 'YAN SA BUONG MUNDO. DATI MAY KASAMA PA 'YANG DALAWA, KASO HINDI NA TALAGA MAHANAP. ANG SABI NILA MUKHANG NASIRA NA DAW SA PAGGUHO NG RACCOON PALACE...
MABUTI NA LANG AT MAHUSAY NA EXCAVATOR ANG LOLO KO. SIYA ANG NAKAHANAP NIYAN.
SINUSUWERTE KA TALAGA AT NAGKAKILALA TAYO. BALAK KO NA SANANG IBENTA 'YAN SA MUSEO...
TALAGA? AT MAGKANO MO NAMAN ITO ISASANLA SA 'KIN?
HMMM....
DAHIL MABAIT AKONG TAO, BIBIGYAN NA KITA NG DISCOUNT...
SABIHIN NA NATING... SAMPUNG LIBONG GINTO NA LANG.
AT HINDI NAMAN KAYA PEKE 'YANG BINEBENTA MO? MAY DUDA AKO...

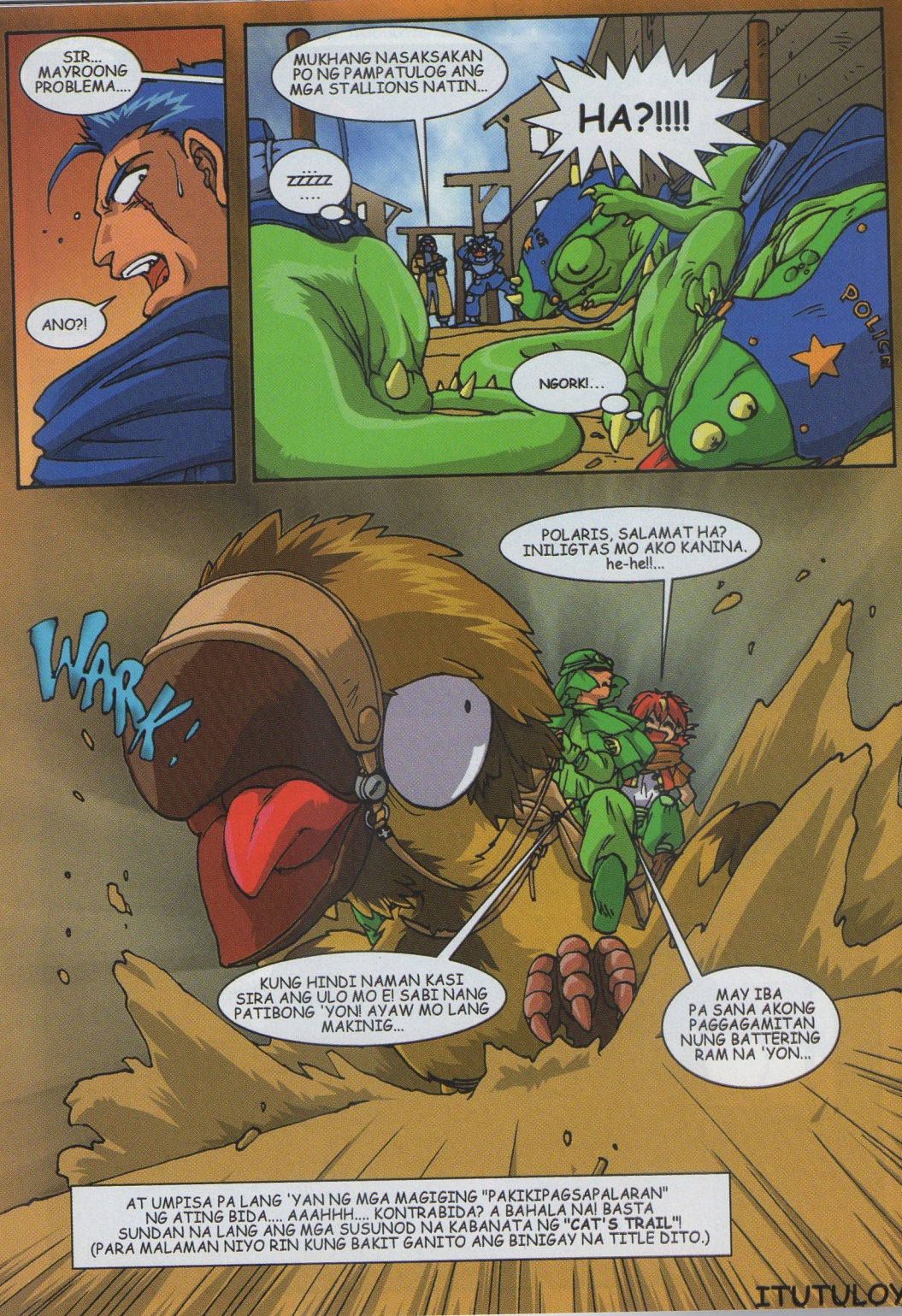
PEKE?!
HA-HA-HA!!!
ANO'NG AKALA MO SA 'KIN? MANLOLOKO'T MANDARAYA?
KA-CHAK!
Grrrrr....
A.... ESTE.... MAY SAKIT KA BA? PARA KA KASING NANGINGINIG E!
Ninakaw mo lang 'to sa museo ng La Cucaracha...
Hmmph!
O SIGE NA NGA! KAHIT CREDIT CARD O BANK NOTE TATANGGAPIN KO NA! ANO? OKEY KA NA D'ON?
E KUNG KASUHAN NA LANG KAYA KITA!?!

I-IKAW?...
TAPOS KA NA TALAGA, AIREE. SUBUKAN MO PA KAYANG TUMAKAS NGAYON...
EHE! BARIL?!
uh....
SNAP!
HE-HE-HE-HEH!...
MAY BOYFRIEND AKO! AYOKO PANG MAMATAY!!! HU-HU-HUUU....
PARE, USE THE "FORCE"!
ANO'NG FORCE? PAMPA-IMPRESS KO LANG 'TONG SUOT KO...
DING-DONG!
K-CHIK!
K-CHIK!
K-CHIK!
ANAK NG...! SINO BA ANG NAG-SERVICE NG BARIL KO?
WAAAAH!!! UNANG ARAW KO PA LANG DITO BILANG WAITRESS, HUWAG PO KAYONG MAGPAPAPUTOK!
WALA PA 'KONG SUWELDO!!!

SABI KO NA NGA BA! KAYA PALA MARAMING NAKATALUKBONG DITO KANINA.
SUMUKO KA NA! HUWAG MO NANG PAHIRAPAN TAYONG DALAWA.
PAANO NA 'TO?
KAILANGAN KO NG MILAGRO!
ANAK NG...
MAY UTANG KA NA NAMAN SA 'KIN BATA KA!
klik!
KRAK!
KRUNCH!
HA?!

ANG HUMATAW SA KAWAWA NATING HEPE AY ANG "INSTAMATIC, INFLATABLE BATTERING RAM". KANINA PA ITO ITINANIM SA LIKOD NG BAR.

MAKIKIRAAN LANG!!!
AH!
THOK!
SSSHHH!
FWOP!
SIR! NASAKTAN BA KAYO?
MGA HANGAL!!! BITIWAN NIYO KO'T HABULIN ANG MAGNANAKAW NA 'YON!!!
IRON MAIDEN
DALI!!! GAMITIN ANG MGA NORTH STALLIONS!!!
YES, SIR!


SIR... MAYROONG PROBLEMA....
ANO?!
MUKHANG NASAKSAKAN PO NG PAMPATULOG ANG MGA STALLIONS NATIN...
...
....
HA?!!!!
NGORK!...
POLICE
POLARIS, SALAMAT HA? INILIGTAS MO AKO KANINA. he-he!!...
WARK!
KUNG HINDI NAMAN KASI SIRA ANG ULO MO E! SABI NANG PATIBONG 'YON! AYAW MO LANG MAKINIG...
MAY IBA PA SANA AKONG PAGGAGAMITAN NUNG BATTERING RAM NA 'YON...
AT UMPISA PA LANG 'YAN NG MGA MAGIGING "PAKIKIPAGSAPALARAN" NG ATING BIDA.... AAAHHH.... KONTRABIDA? A BAHALA NA! BASTA SUNDAN NA LANG ANG MGA SUSUNOD NA KABANATA NG "CAT'S TRAIL"! (PARA MALAMAN NIYO RIN KUNG BAKIT GANITO ANG BINIGAY NA TITLE DITO.)
ITUTULOY

TAGAILOG ON MANGA

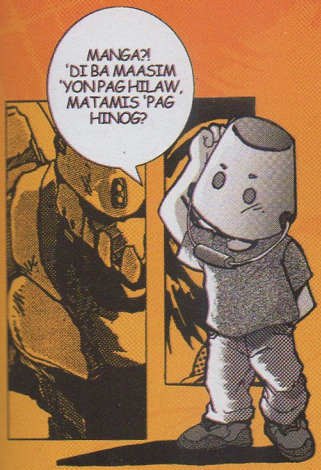
Oy! Kamusta na kayo diyan? Sana nagustuhan ninyo ang aming komiks. Anyway, narito ako ngayon para bigyang linaw ang ilang bagay tungkol sa manga. Ang manga (mang-gah) ay salitang hapon na ang ibig sabihin ay *caricature, cartoon, comic strip,* o di kaya'y *animation.* Isang kilalang Japanese woodblock artist na nagngagalang Hokusai ang nagbigay ng pangalan dito noong 1814. Ang manga ay nahahati sa dalawang chinese ideogramsna "man" (involuntary or inspite of oneself) at "ga" (picture).

Nagkaroon na rin ng distinction ang manga dito sa Pilipinas. Ginagamit ang salitang manga (hindi 'yung prutas) para sa mga Japanese comics (o di kaya'y Japanese style na comics). Iba naman ang tawag sa Japanese style animation na napapanood natin sa tv. Mas kilala ang mga ito sa tawag na animé (galing sa salitang animation).

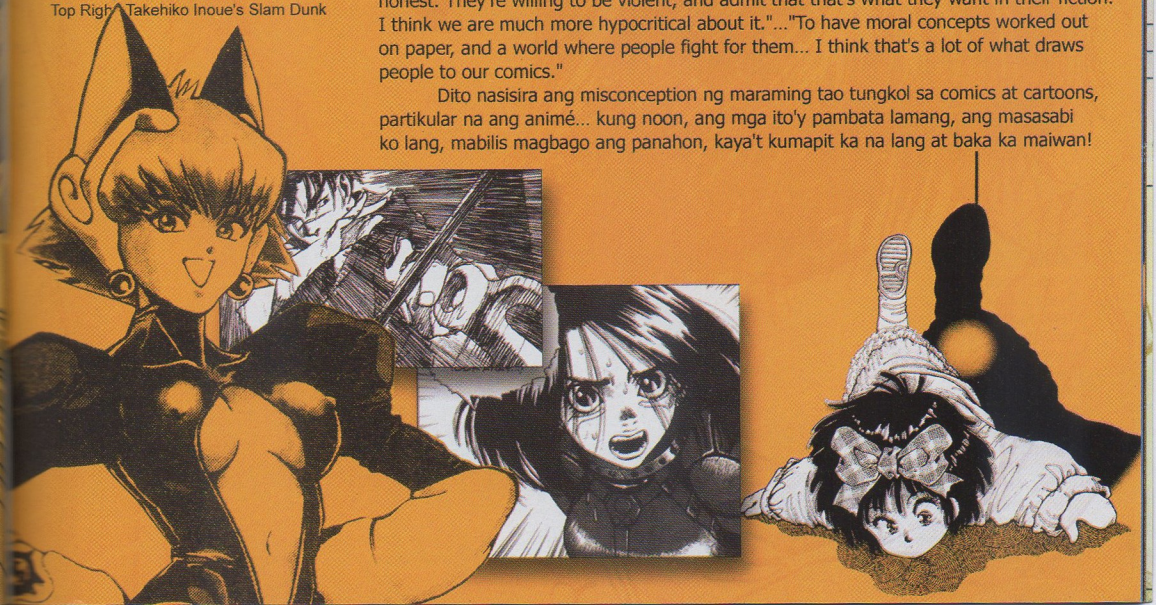
Napakalawak ng tema ng manga. Halos kahit anong temang isipin mo ay may katumbas na manga sa Japan. Mula samurai stories, mecha, love, shojo/shonen ai (homosexual love), hentai (adult), comedy, at maging ang mahjong ay may komiks din! Kung sumikat ang isang manga sa Japan, hindi malayong gawan ito ng animé tv series. Ilan sa mga ito ang maari pang gawan ng full length animated movie. Nagkakaroon din ng mga "dojinshi"(komiks na ginawa ng mga fans, na nalilihis sa tunay na istorya ng orihinal na manga) ang mga sikat na titles.

Maraming manga ang nagbibigay aliw sa mga kabataan, ngunit hindi lahat ng manga ay pambata. Karamihan ay naglalaman ng mga bayolenteng tagpo at ilang nude shots ng mga bidang babae na maaring ikamuhi ng mga magulang. Ayon kay Frank Miller (Sin City writer/artist), sa isang interview sa kanya sa Comics Journal, "The Japanese Comics are as violent as I've ever seen... The violence in them is rather honest. They're willing to be violent, and admit that that's what they want in their fiction. I think we are much more hypocritical about it."..."To have moral concepts worked out on paper, and a world where people fight for them... I think that's a lot of what draws people to our comics."

Dito nasisira ang misconception ng maraming tao tungkol sa comics at cartoons, partikular na ang animé... kung noon, ang mga ito'y pambata lamang, ang masasabi ko lang, mabilis magbago ang panahon, kaya't kumapit ka na lang at baka ka maiwan!



Below: (*left to right*) Shadow Lady by Masakazu Katsura; Blade of the Immortal by Hiroaki Samura; Battle Angel Alita by Yukito Kishiro; Marionette Generation by Haruhiko Mikimoto
Top Right: Takehiko Inoue's Slam Dunk



X-MEN THE MOVIE MAKES BLOCKBUSTER HISTORY

Good news for X-fans everywhere! The new *X-MEN* movie is an official hit! Grossing an amazing $57.5 million dollars during its first weekend in the U.S. The opening was the 4th highest 3-day opening in box office history, just behind *The Lost World, The Phantom Menace,* and *M:I-2.*

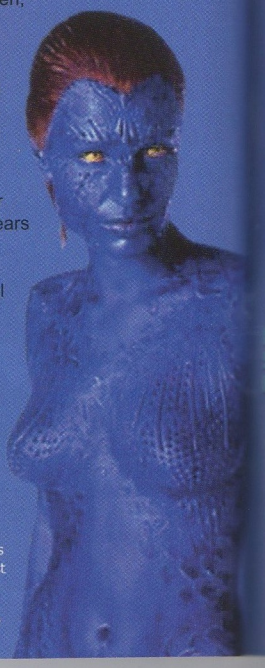
I'm here to report with all the childlike giddy of a 10 year-old, that its place is well-deserved! I've seen the movie, and although a true comic book fan might be disappointed with a few bits here and there, just imagine this as an alternate universe. If your a marvel fan, your familiar with the concept. And in that respect, for an alternate universe, this version of the X-MEN ain't so bad, nope! Not bad at all.

Patrick Stewart and Sir Ian Mckellen portrays Professor X and Magneto magnificently. And although I had my doubts with Sir Ian, seemingly too frail to play Magneto, he just oozes with a certain regal bearing that truly brings Magneto to life. Make no mistake though, this is Wolvie's movie. Wolverine, played to perfection by Australian Hugh Jackman is the centrepiece for this movie. Him and *The Piano's* Anna Paquin, who plays a teenage Rogue just discovering her powers. The special relationship these two develop during the course of the movie, as well as all their trials and tribulations together will just endear you. So much so, that if you don't find yourself pulling for these two by the end of the movie, then your just plain, well, insensitive!

The rest of the mutants also played their part quite well. Cyclops, played by John Marsden, made a good contrast for Wolverine and the verbal exchanges between the two were some of the most enjoyable dialogues in the movie. Famke Janssen, seemed all wrong for Jean Grey for me at first, but after the movie she kinda grows into you. Halle Berry as Storm? I don't know, maybe the character was just under-used in the film, or maybe it's because I heard she wasn't too thrilled about getting the part, but I still wasn't really convinced or particularly impressed with her. Ex-wrestler Tyler Mane as Sabretooth was quite feral, and Ray "Darth Maul" Park as Toad was just wild! And then there's supermodel and "MTV's House of Style" host Rebecca Romijin Stamos as Mystique. Do I really need to say anything here? You've seen her right? I've watched her, and she's just as hot in action as she appears to be.

Kudos to Director Bryan Singer, in successfully putting sentimental value to an action movie. Fans should watch out for cameos of Kitty Pride, Iceman and several other mutants, in fact, watch out for Stan Lee himself! Newcomers won't be left out either, as the movie is enjoyable even for the uninitiated.

After about a lifetime of waiting, I ask myself, am I truly satisfied? Well, it may not be the best action film I've ever seen but I'm already looking forward for the sequel, which in all indications would probably get an insane budget! Plus, I plan on seeing the film again when it is widely shown. I hope that answers that question.



Rebecca Romijin Stamos as Mystique: Probably the best comic-to-movie transition in film history!!! Don't you simply adore her costume?

Starring: Patrick Stewart, Ian McKellen, Famke Janssen, James Marsden, Hugh Jackman, Halle Berry
Directed By: Bryan Singer
Produced By: Lauren Shuler Donner, Ralph Winter
Studio: 20th Century Fox Film Corporation
Production Companies: 20th Century Fox, Marvel Films, Donner/Schuler-Donner Productions, Genetics Productions
Special Effects By: Pacific Ocean Post Digital Film Group, Matte World Digital, C.O.R.E. Digital Pictures, Cinesite Hollywood, Digital Domain, Kleiser-Walczak Construction Company, Hammerhead Productions, Inc.

X-MEN SLASHES BOX-OFFICE CHARTS AT NO.1

Rank	Previous	Film Title	Distributor	WeekendBox Office	Total Weeks
1	-	X-men	Fox	$57,500,000	$57,500,0001
2	1	Scary Movie	Dimension	$26,100,000	$89,000,0002
3	2	The Perfect Storm	Warner Bros.	$17,500,000	$128,900,0003
4	3	The Patriot	Sony	$11,000,000	$83,200,0003
5	4	Disney's The Kid	Buena Vista	$10,500,000	$30,000,0002
6	5	Chicken Run	DreamWorks	$7,800,000	$76,900,0004
7	6	Me, Myself & Irene	Fox	$5,700,000	$77,100,0004
8	8	Big Momma's House	Fox	$2,800,000	$108,200,0007
9	10	Gone in 60 Seconds	Buena Vista	$2,600,000	$91,000,0006
10	7	Shaft	Paramount	$2,500,000	$66,000,0005
11	9	The Adventures of Rocky and Bullwinkle	Universal	$2,400,000	$20,500,0
12	11	Mission: Impossible 2	Paramount	$2,375,000	$207,70

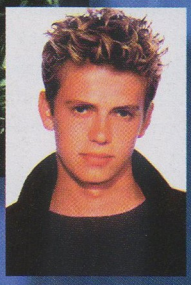
Based on July 17, 2000 Box-office records in the U.S.

As of July 23, 2000 the movies has dropped under the new movie "What Lies Beneath" starring Harrison Ford and Michelle Pfeiffer. No one is complaining though as X-MEN has nearly raked in a $100,000 million in under 10 days.

Okay, okay, so my claws are stickin' out o' my knuckles... but it can still whack the bujeezus outta you, bub.

STAR WARS

THE MAN WHO WOULD BE VADER



My, my.... Mr. Anakin guy's a boy band member?!

Ok relax, Justin of N'Sync is not going to play Vader. Actor Hayden Christensen is his name, and Vader will he be. The relatively unknown young actor was among the elite finalists for the role of Anakin that was invited to Skywalker Ranch to a closed audition with Natalie Portman. Di-Caprio haters may now relax as Leo is definitely not participating in the film.

Hayden, a long time Star Wars fan, was elated upon receiving the news and immediately called his mother from his dormitory. He was trying to work his way into a suspenseful announcement but his room mate apparantly put the Star Wars theme in full blast as he was making the call.

Hayden has said that he would have been happy to have just walked away with all the memorabilia he collected from the auditions and his visit to the Skywalker ranch. Well, at least we know he's a big fan, we think he'll do a fine Vader. 'Till next issue, it's bye, bye, bye!

MORE STAR WARS UPDATES!!!

- Escrima, or the art of Arnis fighting originating right here in the Philippines has apparantly been considered for some sort of application in Episode Two. But local Arnis masters are out of luck since Lucas and company seem to have been asking around only in Australia, where the movie has started filming.
- Yoda will fight! It's no rumor, people working in the movie have confirmed that we will indeed finally see Yoda fight. And it will once and for all settle why Yoda is "The Master". Hmm... Maybe Yoda will be the one fighting with double lightsabers Arnis-style? Heck we don't know but I'm envisioning a bad muppets episode here.
- It has been rumored that the casting director has been making rounds around Kendo clubs in Australia and have been looking at not only male members, but females as well. So this is strong suggestion that we will be seeing plenty of female Jedis in Episode two.
- Bobba Fett has been said to have a major role in the upcoming prequel. Lucas has indicated that everything regarding the origin of the mysterious bounty hunter previously released were all just rumors and that the real deal about this popular character will be revealed in Episode two.

BOYZONE

STEPHEN GATELY BEGINS ANEW

contributed by
Milet Calingo

When Boyzone lad Stephen Gately revealed that he's gay through a London tabloid, the pop world felt a mixture of disappointment, shock, and sympathy for the 24-year-old who took great pains concealing his homosexuality for the past seven years of being in the limelight. And now that the struggle is over, the Irish popstar, who's grateful to his fans' continuous support, begins anew with a brilliant solo album, a happier life, and a new found love.

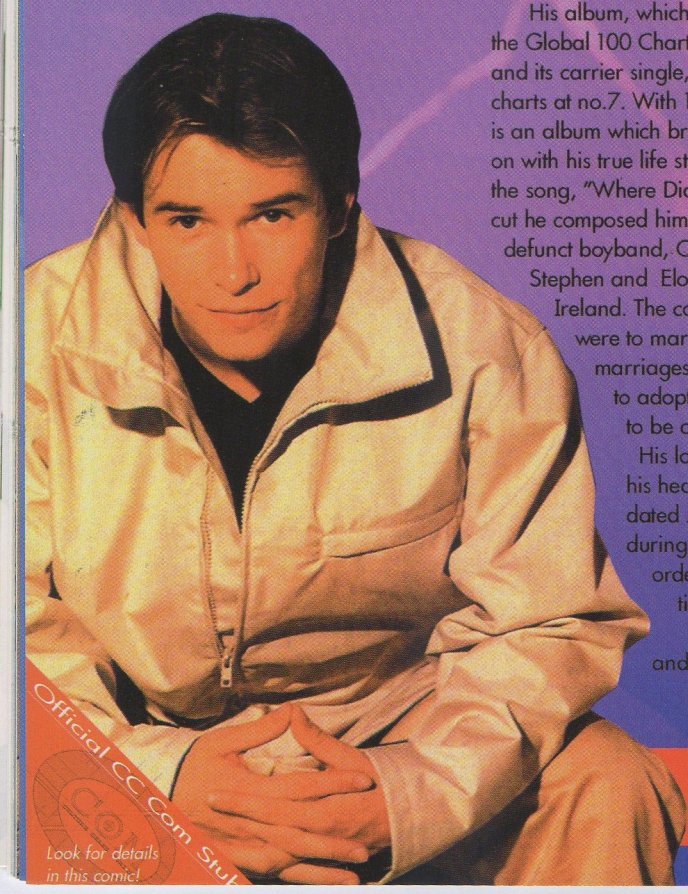
Stephen recently jetted to Manila for a Philippine Tour from July 28- 30 to promote his debut album, "New Beginning," under MCA Universal. Myriads of enthusiasts, mostly Boyzone rooters, trailed the popstar from his bustling mall tour and a Hard Rock Café showcase, to radio interviews and TV appearances. The 1999 Irish Personality winner is no stranger to the Manila environment because this was his fourth time to visit since promoting the album, "Where we Belong," with the Boyz last year.

His album, which quickly went hot in the market, just entered the Global 100 Charts last month as the highest new entry at no.11, and its carrier single, also of the same title, rode high in the singles charts at no.7. With 13 all-original tracks to crow, "New Beginning" is an album which brings to light Stephen's sentiments towards getting on with his true life stripped from any superficiality. It also contains the song, "Where Did You Go?", from Boyzone's third album, and a cut he composed himself for current gay lover, Eloy De Jong of the defunct boyband, Caught In the Act.

Stephen and Eloy, 26, have homes in Amsterdam and Wicklow, Ireland. The couple plan to tie the knot someday but if they were to marry, it would have to be in Holland where gay marriages are legal. According to sources, they also want to adopt children- a girl to be named Charlie and a boy to be called Ethan.

His love life goes well with his career but not much wit his health. Reports from London's The Sunday People dated July 9 said that Stephen pulled out of his solo slo during the July 8, 2000 party at the park on doctor's orders. He was in agony apparently after his opera tion to remove a kidney stone last June.

Fortunately, the popstar has now recovered and is now back int action with his music.



BOYZONE'S STEPHEN GATELY

Official CC Com Stu
Look for details in this comic!

Publisher: Capcom
Developer: Capcom/Sega
No. of
Rating: 9

RESIDENT EVIL 3
CODE: VERONICA

What's your favorite scary game?

Ok, ok some of you may say Silent Hill, Fear Effect or something else but c'mon Resident Evil (RE), known as Biohazard in Japan, is the one great game that started it all. Well, started it best anyway, considering titles like Alone in the Dark and the like.

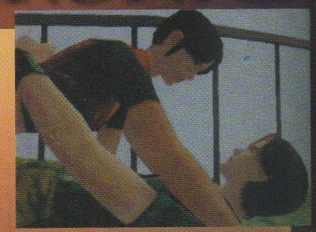
It's been out for a while now and I know that not many of you Playstation owners may have the chance to play this game since it's a game for the Sega Dreamcast. But I thought it only fair to write a review since a lot of you are fans of the game anyway. Storywise, Code: Veronica (CV) is Capcom's latest entry in the survival-horror world of the Resident Evil series. In that aspect at least, this game exceeds my expectations, finally giving depth and character to the infamous Umbrella Pharmaceuticals Co. The plot twists, characterizations, and dark histories are all there, delivered in magnificent cinematic panache inspired by the likes of John Woo and The Matrix's Wachowski Brothers.

You start the game as Claire Redfield, the character introduced in RE2, as you progress towards the middle of the game you switch to her brother Chris. You also get to briefly play with hyperactive Di Caprio look-alike, Steve Burnside. Asides from the three central characters, the main cast also includes Rodrigo, an Umbrella employee who helps you on separate occasions, Alfred Ashford and Alexia Ashford, the twin descendants of Veronica Ashford, founder of the Ashford clan responsible for establishing the Umbrella Corp. Last but not least is the surprise appearance of an old character from the first RE game. (Hint: Think dark glasses.)

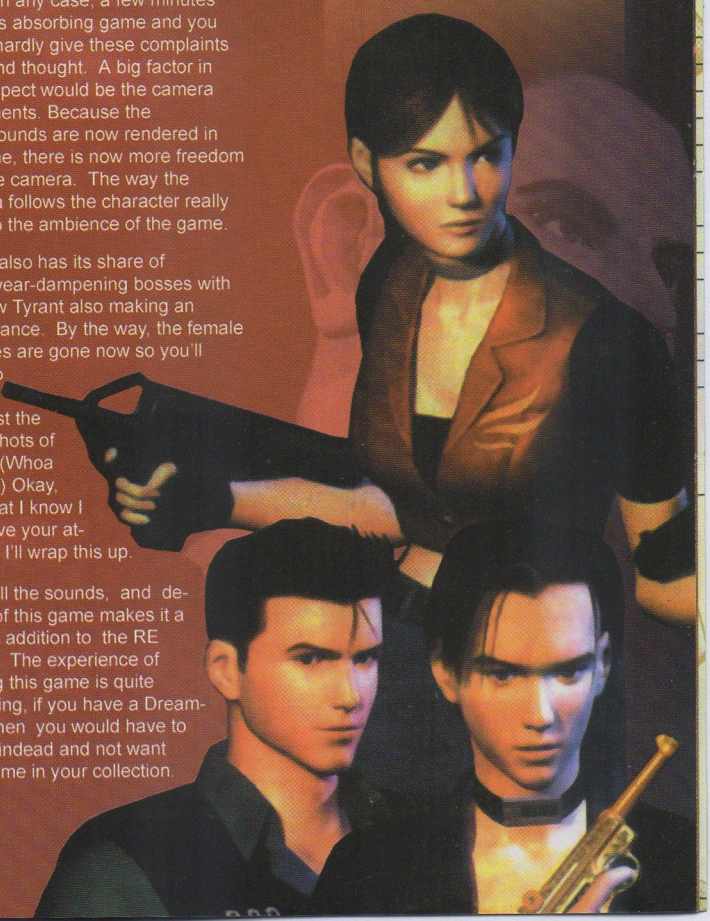
Oddly enough, CV takes a step back from RE3 in terms of control, (now it works, now it doesn't) dodge move. Personally speaking, it would have been great if they had assigned the dodge move to the "Y" button or the equivalent of the triangle button for the PS, while you pressed the "aim" button. I don't know why they took it off maybe this would have made the game too easy. Also you again have to press the action button just to climb up stairs. In any case, a few minutes with this absorbing game and you would hardly give these complaints a second thought. A big factor in this respect would be the camera movements. Because the backgrounds are now rendered in real time, there is now more freedom with the camera. The way the camera follows the character really adds to the ambience of the game.

CV also has its share of underwear-dampening bosses with the new Tyrant also making an appearance. By the way, the female zombies are gone now so you'll have to settle with just the nude shots of Alexia (Whoa Mama!) Okay, now that I know I still have your attention I'll wrap this up.

All in all the sounds, and delivery of this game makes it a classic addition to the RE series. The experience of playing this game is quite satisfying, if you have a Dreamcast then you would have to be braindead and not want this game in your collection.



An attempt in bringing the zombies back to life? Heck ,we're not too sure it'll work but what a way to go! Mature theme indeed!



Fighters from around the streets gather in one arena to gain the coveted title of "CCCom Challenge Champion". Who will win and salvage his pride?

In this latest version of CCCom Fighters, we have incorporated a better opponent AI plus brand new moves such as crawl, poke, groin kick, slap, spit, and grovel. We have also incorporated a fully-interactive environment. This means you can lift that sewer cover and throw it at your enemy. Flowers will wilt (in real time) when you piss on them!

CCCom Fighters
THE NEXT GENERATION

DA BHOSS

HP
BP

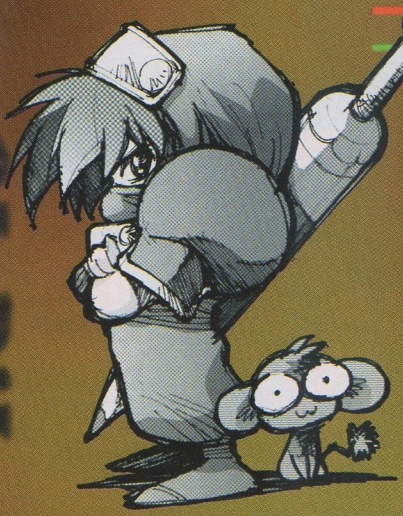
Name: Jescie James Palabay
A.K.A: Da Bhoss
Height: 7' Weight: over
Bloodtype: C+

Special Move: Hyakusen Kamigiri (1 million paper cuts)
tap B (100x) then press F+A

A megalomaniac who wants to rule the publishing world, the multimedia world and Disneyland. He will stop at nothing to get what he wants. Unfortunately, the people he has hired to do all his dirty deeds have turned against him. Now, he has summoned the Dark Forces to exact his revenge.

"You must beat my deadline in order to beat me!"

I.Q 40



HP
BP

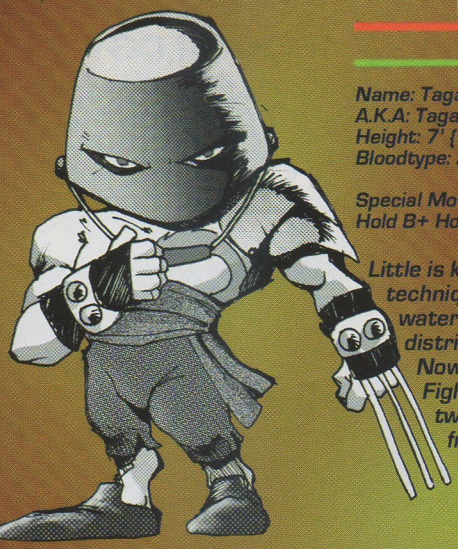
Name: Elmer Damaso
A.K.A.: I.Q. 40, Memer
Height: 5' Weight: ultra-light
Bloodtype: contaminated

Special Move: Aoi-enpitsuken (blue pencil strike)
press B, BD, D, DF, F, B, BU, U, UF, F, then press A+B+C+D

He has been belittled and insulted by his colleagues since childhood. After discovering the hidden temple of the Order of Blue Pencilled Tarsiers near the Laguna de Bay area, and trained for 6 years under the tutelage of Tarsier Pepe the ever-living, he has returned to show the world that he is not a girl. Accompanied by his trusty sidekick, Memer II, he will rid the world of all evil and perversion...

"Yahoo!!! I am the strongest woman in the world!!!!"

TAGA-ILOG



HP

BP

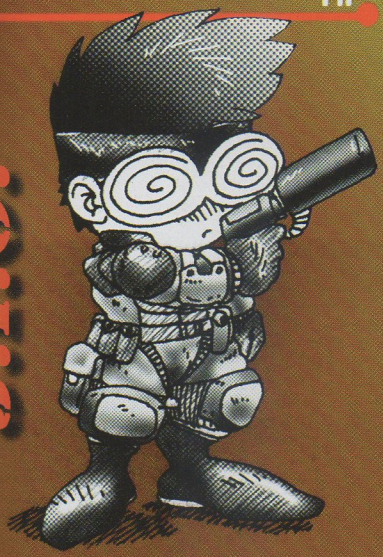
Name: Taga-ilog
A.K.A: Taga-ilog
Height: 7' (w/bucket) 3'5" (w/o) Weight: 2 tons
Bloodtype: Arial

Special Move: Shining Twinkly Snowflake Bucket Attack
Hold B+ Hold F+ Hold U+ Hold D simultaneously, then press X,K,D,Q

Little is known about this fighter who specializes in hiding techniques. It has been rumored that Taga-ilog is in fact a waterboy for an underground whorehouse in the red light district of a place formerly known as Trallala... Now out of job and out of order, he has joined the CCCom Fighting Circle in hopes of creating an army to follow his twisted and worthless cause of bringing love, hope, friendship and trust to the world. Really sick.

"You can't fire me, I quit!"

J.I.O.



HP

BP

Name: Jerard Beltran
A.K.A.: J.I.O., Viru-scum!!!
Height: 9'7" Weight: 2 grams
Bloodtype: nano-tech plasmabots

Special Move: KPT Ultra-deluxe Add Noise w/ Feathered Technique
Press U,U,D,D,L,R,L,R,B,A,B,A, then press reset
(PC Presets: control + F4, control + alt + delete)

The year is 2050 AD. Discovered in the deepest and darkest regions of Africa, the viral strain Jungle Indigo Order was believed to be the holy grail of all viral cure. Accidentally injected with the J.I.O. virus by a vet, Jerard turned into the most dreadful but the most amiable of all creatures: a humanoid P!!! 5.5 Gig Photoshop vs G4 gaming console! With his Dreaded KPT moves, JIO is able to freeze any computer platform be it PC, MAC, PS3, Game & Watch or Digital Alarm Clock. But soon he will meet his end. Who knows, maybe his 2 AA batteries would bite the dust.

"I won't quit!!! You must fire me!!!!"

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Da Bhoss: His battle power gauge fills up faster if his opponent uses the "Missed the deadline!"taunt. Perfect against I.Q.40, Taga-llog, and J.I.O.!

I.Q. 40: Against female characters, use the dash and crawl combo. Once he's directly underneath his opponent, his battle gauge will fill up to 100% immediately. Then use a super.

Taga-llog: He is a master at the scratch and sniff attack. Because of his quickness, he can perform the poke and grab combo flawlessly!

J.I.O.: He has the most array of super combos and flashy attacks. If used correctly, his "KPT Ultra-deluxe Add Noise W/Feathered Airbrush" can finish his opponent in one move... it also kills the opponent after that!

G4 Cube and other stuff

It's not the size that matters...

Top: G4 Cube as compared to the G4 CPU. Small but packs the same wallop as its counterpart.

Above: For all its size and power, the "Cube" needs no cooling fan... spiffy looking too!

Below right: Palm M100

Extreme right: The Toshiba Toughbook- Sensible durability, insane price!

You just got to love those people at Apple. Their new G4 cube packs the same power and features as the regular G4s but it all comes repackaged in a fancy-dandy 8-inch size cube! Heck it even includes a DVD drive! In fact, the RAM capacity of this baby is expandable up to 1.5 G! 20 G and 30 G Hard disk memory space comes as standard options. Apple has also made the sensible decision in returning to the more traditional shape of the mouse, but what really makes it kick is that the mouse is now optical, offering up to 1500 DPI accuracy.

Panasonic has recently released a new series of notebooks called the "Toughbook". Sure enough, this baby can take some punishment. You can unload a bottle of water on it, slam it on the ground and spit on it, and this thing will still keep on ticking. The magnesium-coated LCD and fiberglass-reinforced casing are what's behind all this toughness, but you better think this purchase through, the suggested retail price is at $6,600!

Price wars on the PDA (Personal Digital Assistant) front has elicited action from the Santa Clara Ca. based company. Next month Palm will be releasing a new PDA between the size of the Palm III and Palm V. Current estimates put the price at the new Palm M100 at $149 with about 4MB of memory.

On other PDA news, Sony will be releasing a $500 model of their own. Using the Palm OS, it will also be fully compatible with the Sony memory sticks. That means if your one of the 2,000 people who own an AIBO, you'll be able to use this thing to interface with it! Ok, so most of what Sony is coming out with is memory stick-compatible so the technology holds a lot of possibilities.

It has long been believed that nothing can be faster that the speed of light in a vacuum. In fact Einstein himself held it as the only constant thing in the universe. An experiment in Princeton, New Jersey however, succeeded in accelerating light speed up to 310 times faster than it would have traveled through a vacuum. By sending a pulse of light through a chamber of cesium vapor. It traveled so quickly that it exited the chamber before it finished entering.

A company called the Eye Ticket company is testing an iris-recognition process in check-in ticket lines at Charlotte/Douglas International Airport in North Carolina. Greatly reducing the time it takes to line up. No news on other airports trying it out but the response has been quite positive so far.

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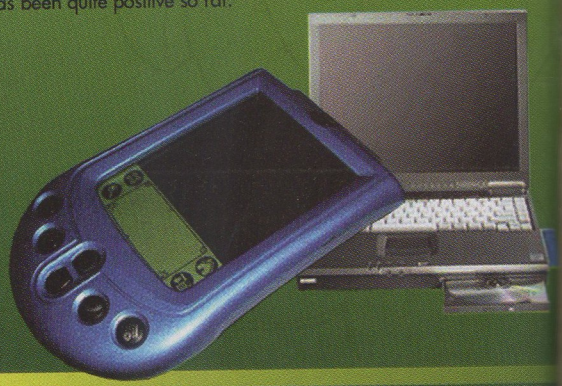

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Kamusta mga tunay na mananampalataya... hinde!!! (That's Filipino for "Greetings true believers... not!!!" Hi Stan!) We hope you've enjoyed our comic book as much as we've enjoyed making it. Please write us! We want to know more about you and what you think! And for buying our comic, here's a plus for you! Enclose a copy of this raffle form with your letter in an envelope plus the CC Com stub cut-off and get a chance to win either 2 Audio CD's, 2 DVD's or 2 VHS format movies in this one-time raffle! (*the stub is somewhere in the comic!*)

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